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**M E M O R A N D U M**

To: Dan Hunting, JLBC Analyst

From: DJ Harper, GITA Legislative Liaison

Re: Public Safety Communication Commission Quarterly Report

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In 2008, the Legislature moved the Public Safety Communications Commission to the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency from its prior home at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. During the window of time between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the general effective date of this legislation, DPS and GITA have worked closely to transfer the Commission to GITA.

The transition was completed on October 2, 2008. In that 90 day window, GITA:

- Transferred all physical, documentary and intellectual property assets
- Reconciled outstanding contracts and obligations
- Identified and transferred multiple funds
- Resolved over 50 transition issues

More information about the transition activities is attached in the form of status updates.

Since transition, a new Public Safety Interoperability Support Office (PSIC) has been established within GITA, and three new employees have been hired to fill critical roles. GITA has also populated a new website for the PSIC which will include all related documents, reports and communications ([www.azgita.gov/pssc](http://www.azgita.gov/pssc)). GITA-PSIC has maintained all communications with federal authorities during the transition and the State has met all deadlines for federal submissions.

The first PSCC meeting under GITA's direction was conducted on October 29, 2008. The meeting was a joint meeting of the PSCC and the Statewide Interoperability Executive Group (SIEC), which is a sub-committee of the PSCC.

In addition to the PSCC/SIEC initial meeting, GITA has scheduled an Interoperable Communications Stakeholder Working Session on November 20, 2008. At this day long session, the State will solicit input regarding key issues impacting the direction for achievement of

communications interoperability in the State. GITA-PSIC has also scheduled an all day Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Implementation Workshop on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which will be focused on the individual needs and priorities of the State. The federal Office of Emergency Communications will be providing facilitation as well as an Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) representative to lead the Workshop. The focus of the Workshop is to help the State implement its SCIP and accomplish its priorities, in alignment with National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) initiatives.